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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 7

Introduced by Assembly Member Wolk

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Relative to the Officer David Lamoree Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 7, as amended, Wolk. ~~The State Highway Route 12: Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone: Officer David Lamoree Memorial Highway.~~

This measure would *state the intent of the Legislature to establish a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone on a specified segment of State Highway Route 12 and would also designate a specified portion segment of State Highway Route 12 that route* in Solano County as the Officer David Lamoree Memorial Highway. The measure would ~~also~~ request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing ~~this that~~ special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, ~~It was with the most profound sorrow and deep~~
- 2 ~~sense of loss that word was received of the passing of Officer~~

1 ~~David Frank Lamoree on October 23, 2005, whose pursuit of the~~
2 ~~highest ideals of public safety merit gratitude and respectful~~
3 ~~acknowledgment by the people of the state; and~~

4 ~~WHEREAS, Nicknamed “Woody” for the earnest cowboy in~~
5 ~~the “Toy Story” movies, and known for his easygoing and~~
6 ~~congenial personality, Officer David Lamoree was born in Vallejo~~
7 ~~on October 23, 1979, and decided on a police career at the age of~~
8 ~~10 years, about the same time his family moved to Vacaville; and~~

9 ~~WHEREAS, The collective goal of the Department of the~~
10 ~~California Highway Patrol, the Department of Transportation,~~
11 ~~the Solano Transportation Authority, the County of Solano, the~~
12 ~~San Joaquin Council of Governments, the Solano County Sheriff’s~~
13 ~~Department, and local traffic and safety personnel from the County~~
14 ~~of Solano and the Cities of Fairfield, Rio Vista, and Suisun City~~
15 ~~is to improve safety on the State Highway Route 12 corridor by~~
16 ~~reducing traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities; and~~

17 ~~WHEREAS, During the last decade, the collision and fatality~~
18 ~~rate on State Highway Route 12 has increased from 60 percent to~~
19 ~~over 100 percent of the statewide average for similar routes; and~~

20 ~~WHEREAS, Since 2001, there have been 802 collisions, 494~~
21 ~~injuries, and 21 fatalities on State Highway Route 12, including~~
22 ~~three fatal accidents in 2006 and already three fatal accidents in~~
23 ~~2007; and~~

24 ~~WHEREAS, The Department of the California Highway Patrol~~
25 ~~has prioritized State Highway Route 12 as one of its top requests~~
26 ~~for safety corridor project funding for 2007–08. Although this~~
27 ~~prioritization will help in the short term, more needs to be done;~~
28 ~~and~~

29 ~~WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation is in the process~~
30 ~~of constructing 12.7 miles of horizontal and vertical curve~~
31 ~~corrections, shoulder widening, median and shoulder rumble strips,~~
32 ~~and pavement rehabilitation along State Highway Route 12. In~~
33 ~~addition, the Solano Transportation Authority, in partnership with~~
34 ~~the Department of Transportation, is evaluating the long-term~~
35 ~~need for a concrete median barrier along that route. However,~~
36 ~~these safety enhancements cannot be delivered soon enough to~~
37 ~~assuage the potential for more horrific collisions and fatalities;~~
38 ~~and~~

39 ~~WHEREAS, A traffic accident on State Highway Route 12 took~~
40 ~~the life of Officer David Frank Lamoree, a man whose pursuit of~~

1 *the highest ideals of public safety merit gratitude and respectful*
2 *acknowledgment by the people of the state; and*

3 *WHEREAS, Officer David Lamoree was born in Vallejo,*
4 *California, on October 23, 1979, and decided on a police career*
5 *at 10 years of age; and*

6 *WHEREAS, Graduating from Will C. Wood High School,*
7 *Officer Lamoree earned criminal justice degrees from Solano*
8 *Community College and attended the police academy in Contra*
9 *Costa County; and*

10 ~~*WHEREAS, When Officer Lamoree was training and returned*~~
11 ~~*from the academy, children gathered around him to look at the*~~
12 ~~*police equipment in his car trunk while he carefully explained to*~~
13 ~~*them how the tools worked and warned them to be careful; and*~~

14 *WHEREAS, A police officer for six months at Solano*
15 *Community College, Officer Lamoree served on the San Pablo*
16 *Police Department for a few years before relocating to the Rio*
17 *Vista police force; and*

18 ~~*WHEREAS, Married in the fall of 2005 to Dorota, who came*~~
19 ~~*to the United States from Poland on a student visa, Officer Lamoree*~~
20 ~~*enjoyed the support of his father, Chuck Lamoree, former City*~~
21 ~~*Attorney for the Cities of Vacaville and Rio Vista and current*~~
22 ~~*attorney for the Solano Transportation Authority, his mother,*~~
23 ~~*Beverly Lamoree, and his sister, Sarah Lamoree; and*~~

24 *WHEREAS, While driving to his Fairfield home on October*
25 *21, 2005, Officer Lamoree was hit head-on by a car on Highway*
26 ~~*12, west of Highway 113, on a portion of Highway 12 that is only*~~
27 *State Highway Route 12, west of State Highway Route 113, on a*
28 *portion of State Highway Route 12 that is only two lanes and that*
29 *has become increasingly congested and dangerous; and*

30 *WHEREAS, Officer Lamoree was taken off life support on*
31 *October 23, 2005, his 26th birthday; and*

32 *WHEREAS, Officer Lamoree was an organ donor who*
33 ~~*potentially saved eight peoples' lives*~~ *the lives of eight people* and
34 *improved the lives of 50 others; and*

35 *WHEREAS, This gallant and dedicated officer exemplified the*
36 *true character of the brave men and women who devote their time*
37 ~~*and energy to the perilous duties of law enforcement, and his death*~~
38 ~~*is a great loss to the entire community; now, therefore, be it and*~~
39 *energy to the perilous duties of law enforcement. His death*
40 *represents one of the many tragedies that have occurred on State*

1 *Highway Route 12 and serves as a testament to the need for*
2 *additional safety measures along that route; now, therefore, be it*

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
4 *thereof concurring, That the portion of State Highway Route 12*
5 *between Olsen Road and State Highway Route 113 in Solano*
6 *County be designated “the Officer the “Officer David Lamoree*
7 *Memorial Highway”; and be it further*

8 *Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested*
9 *to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the*
10 *signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that*
11 *special designation; and, upon receiving donations from nonstate*
12 *sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it*
13 *further*

14 *RESOLVED, That it is the intent of the Legislature to establish*
15 *a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone on the segment of State*
16 *Highway Route 12 between the State Highway Route 80 junction*
17 *in Solano County and the State Highway Route 5 junction in San*
18 *Joaquin County as part of a solution to raise public awareness*
19 *and curb collisions, injuries, and fatalities, until the construction*
20 *of safety enhancements is completed; and be it further*

21 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
22 *of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the*
23 *author for appropriate distribution.*